SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report which appeared in *Indian Express* dated 22nd June, 1992 regarding USA's putting the country under strict CIA vigil with regard to the military weapon programme in both conventional and non-conventional areas; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government constantly monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security environment and take necessary steps to safeguard India's security.

Explosion of Nuclear Bomb by China

781. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China has recently exploded nuclear bomb said to be 70 times more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto in the context of its policy to use nuclear power for peaceful purposes;

(c) whether Government envisage any change in the conception of the nuclear power countries as a result of nuclear bomb explosion by China; and

(d) whether Government proposes to reconsider its nuclear power options in the light of explosion conducted by a neighbouring country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) On May 21, 1992 China conducted an underground nuclear test. This was the largest ever underground nuclear test conducted by China. General and preliminary assessments are that it was a one megaton explosive.

(b) India has consistently advocated a comprehensive ban on the testing of nuclear weapons. It remains our earnest hope that all States, both nuclear weapons and non-nuclear weapons States alike will move together to conclude such a ban at the earliest.

(c) and (d) Government pursues a longstanding policy of utilising nuclear power for peaceful purposes only. Government's consistent position has been to call for the total elimination of all nuclear weapons in a framework which is global and non-discriminatory.

खादी उद्योगों के विकास के लिए प्रस्तुत किया गया खाका

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(क) क्या खादी मिशन ने खादी के विकास और खादी तथा ग्रामोद्योग को एक आत्म निर्भर उद्योग बनाने के लिए 12 अगस्त, 1991 को सरकार को एक खाका प्रस्तुत किया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त खाके के संबंध में कोई कार्यवाही की है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

@पूर्वत: अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 437, 13 जुलाई, 1992 से स्थानान्तरित ।